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KIDNAPPERS CONFERENCE

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Classified By: POLMINCOUNS SCOTT BELLARD, REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

¶1. (C) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Director of Crime and International Terrorism Evelyn Puxley will lead the Canadian delegation to the Third Annual G-8 International Kidnappers Conference, accompanied by officers from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, and Department of National Defense (the Special Operations unit involved in the Christian Peacekeeper Team kidnapping case in Iraq). Puxley said she will call S/CT to discuss strategy prior to the meeting. Canada would like to use this meeting to multilateralize the current approach of the U.S., Britain, and Canada -- not to make substantive concessions to terrorists or insurgents who use kidnapping as a political or economic tool. Puxley said Canada believes strongly that dealing with kidnappers puts all foreigners at risk, since terrorists do not distinguish between nationalities, and that it encourages kidnapping as a weapon of choice by terrorist and insurgent organizations.

¶2. (C) Puxley added that Canada hopes for movement on a common approach to the issue, but knows it will be difficult given Italy, France, and Germany's more accommodating approach, and Russia's more hard line approach. Canada, she said, was frustrated that a common approach had not emerged in NATO, but acknowledged that bad timing contributed to the inability to reach consensus. Canada hopes that this will be a productive venue, but would like to return the issue to NATO if it looks more likely to produce results. Puxley commented that there needs to be progress this year and expressed concern that, if for the third year there is not substantive movement toward a common approach, it will be disconcerting. Puxley noted that Canada would be willing to do one of the presentations, or to contribute to one of the presentations where its expertise would be useful.

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